

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims to recite a genus of polypeptides having an amino acid sequence with 95 % identity to SEQ ID NO:2, or encoded by a nucleic acid sequence with 95% identity to a nucleic acid of SEQ ID NO:1. The new claims correspond to the claims of Group I. Applicants have also included species claims 25 and 27 which are linked by the independent generic claims 24 and 26, respectively. Applicants request that all species be examined by virtue of the generic linking claims 24 and 26.

The foregoing election is made with traverse, as the five groups set forth by the Examiner all stem from a common concept and theory, and are thus related. As such, prosecution of the claims of Groups I-V would not place a substantially greater burden on the Examiner. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the Restriction Requirement and consider all the claims together.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415/576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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